Solar Power Plants in Rajasthan

4815. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 744 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and state;

(a) whether Government have set up/ propose to set up some solar power plants in the country including Rajasthan during the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the names of places selected for this prupose and the time by which these plants are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Solar photovoltaic power plants up to 100 KW capacity aggregating to around 815 KW, have so far been installed in 22 States & Union Territories and projects aggregating to 226 KW are under implementation in 7 States & Union Territories. 11 projects amounting to 85.20 KW, have been installed in Rajasthan and 8 projects amounting to 33.20 KW are under implementation. Further Projects will be taken up at potential locations indentified by the State, depending on proposals which may be received from State Government, and on the basis of techno-economic assessment and availability of funds.

A 35 KW R&D-cum-demonstration solar thermal power plant based on solar thermal technology is porposed to be taken up during the Eighth Plan period near Jodhpur in Rajasthan, subject to mobilisation of financial resources and necessary approvals.

Letters Written by MPs to the ministry of Non-Conventional energy sources

4816. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources during the period from 1st April, to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by that Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) 40 letters written by the Members of Parliment were received in this Ministry during April 1st, 1994 to 31st March, 1995.

(b) 37 letters were acknowledged.

(c) Final replies were sent in respect of 32 letters.

(d) 29 letters contained positive replies and 3 contained negative replies.

Targets of Installation of Bio-Gas Plants

4817. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any targets for installing bio-gas plants in the rural areas of the country during the year 1995-96;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the district-wise details of the 20,000 family type bio-gas plants

proposed to be installed in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1995-96?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Targets of setting up of 1.6 lakh family type and 200 community, insttutional and night-soil based bio-gas plants have been proposed for the year 1995-96 under two separate Central Sector Schemes.

(c) Against a request of 20,000 biogas plants, the State nodal agencies namely, Madhya Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation and Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited have been allocated a tentative rarget of a total of 15,000 family type biogas plants for the year 1995-96 under National Project on Biogas Development, District-wise distribution of this target made by the nodal agencies in indicated in the also of statement (See Below). In addition, a target of about 3100 plants has been proposed for the State of Madhya Pradesh from the overall targets allocated to Khadi & Village Industries Commission and All India Women's conference.

District-wise tentative targets for installation of Biogas Plants under National Project on Biogas Development for the year 1995-96.

S. No.	District	Number of Plants
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	415
2.	Bastar	495
3.	Betual	260
4.	Bhind	215
5.	Bhopal	185
6.	Bilaspur	495
7.	Chhatarpur	260
8.	Damoh	340
9.	Datia	186
10.	Chhindwara	360
11.	Dewas	340
12.	Dhar	455
13.	Durg	185
14.	East Nimar (Khandwa)	800
15.	Guna	220
16.	Gwalior	215
17.	Hoshangabad	340
18.	Indore	380
19.	Jabalpur	340
20.	Jhabua	220
21.	Mandla	105
22.	Mandsaur	615
23.	Morena	215
24.	Narasimhapur	360
25.	Panna	220
26.	Raigarh	415
27.	Raipur	995
28.	Raisen	270
29.	Rajgarh	260
30.	Raj Nandgaon	300
31.	Ratlam	375
32.	Rewa	185
33.	Sagar	280
34.	Satna	260
35.	Sehore	280
36.	Seoni	400
37.	Shahdol	220
38.	Shajapur	375
39.	Shivpuri	215
40.	Sidhi	110
41.	Surguja	160
42.	Tikamgarh	340
43.	Ujjain	375
44.	Vidisha	145
45.	West Nimar (Khargone)	820
	TOTAL:	15,000

Renewable energy Power Generation Plants in Madhya Pradesh

4818. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any prepsal to install renewable energy power generation plants in Madhya